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THE HEDGEHOG



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RISE, MY
FOURTH.
COMPLETE
MY NEW
**FEARSOME
FOURSOME.**

I'LL GIVE
YOU THIS, MOGUL:
TALKING THROUGH
THREE OF MY
FRIENDS AT ONCE
IS A BIT FREAKY.

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MAMMOTH MOGUL
PSYCHIC IMMORTAL

MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO
SUPER-STRONG SUBORDINATE

MINA MONGOOSE
SINISTER SONGSTRESS

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
THE WAYWARD WARD

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
CORNERED HERO

Mogul RISING

Part Two:
**Devil's
Due**

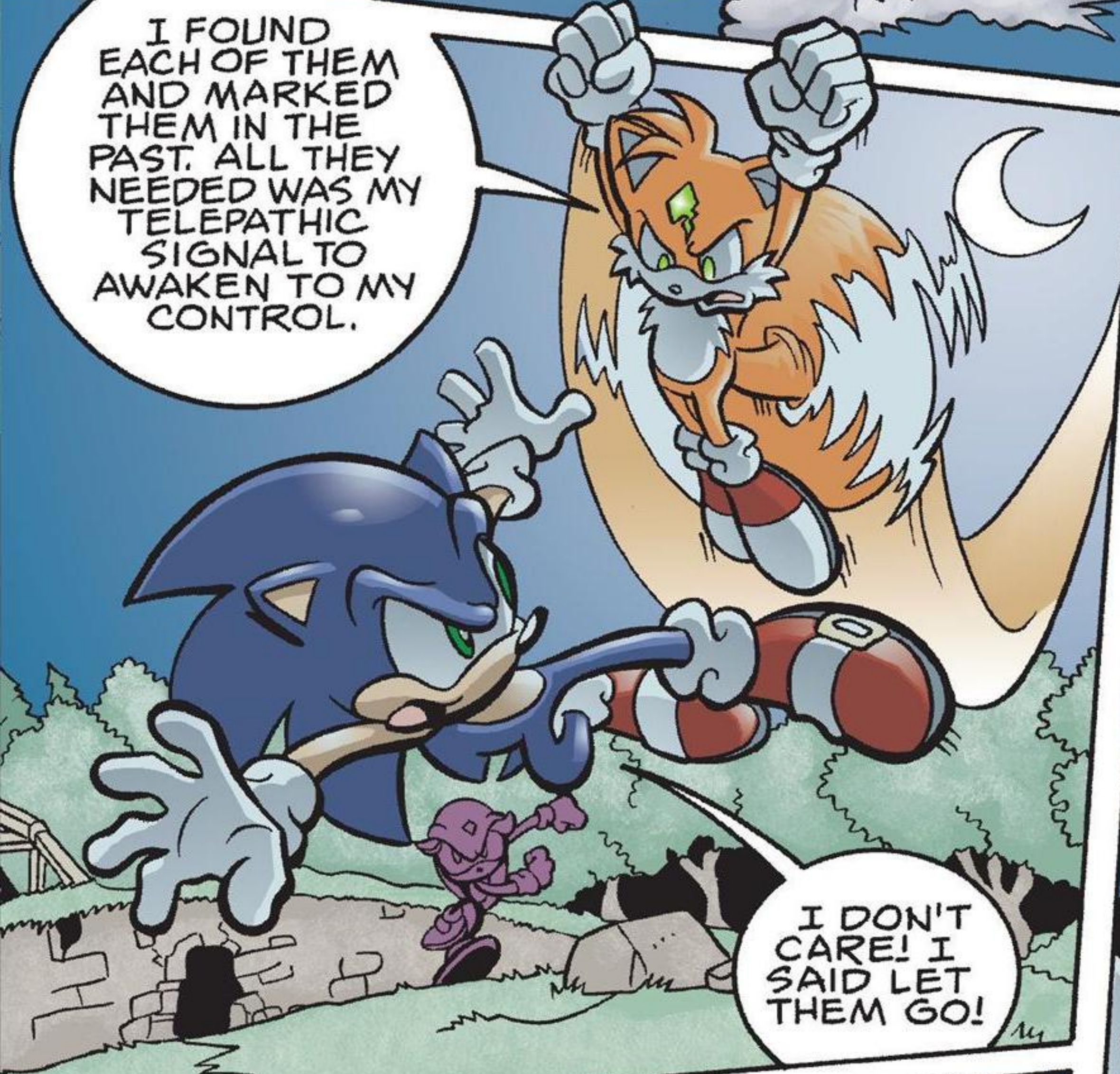
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IT TICKS ME OFF MORE THAN ANYTHING, THOUGH. LET THEM GO!

THEY ARE MINE TO USE, BOY.



I FOUND EACH OF THEM AND MARKED THEM IN THE PAST. ALL THEY NEEDED WAS MY TELEPATHIC SIGNAL TO AWAKEN TO MY CONTROL.

I DON'T CARE! I SAID LET THEM GO!



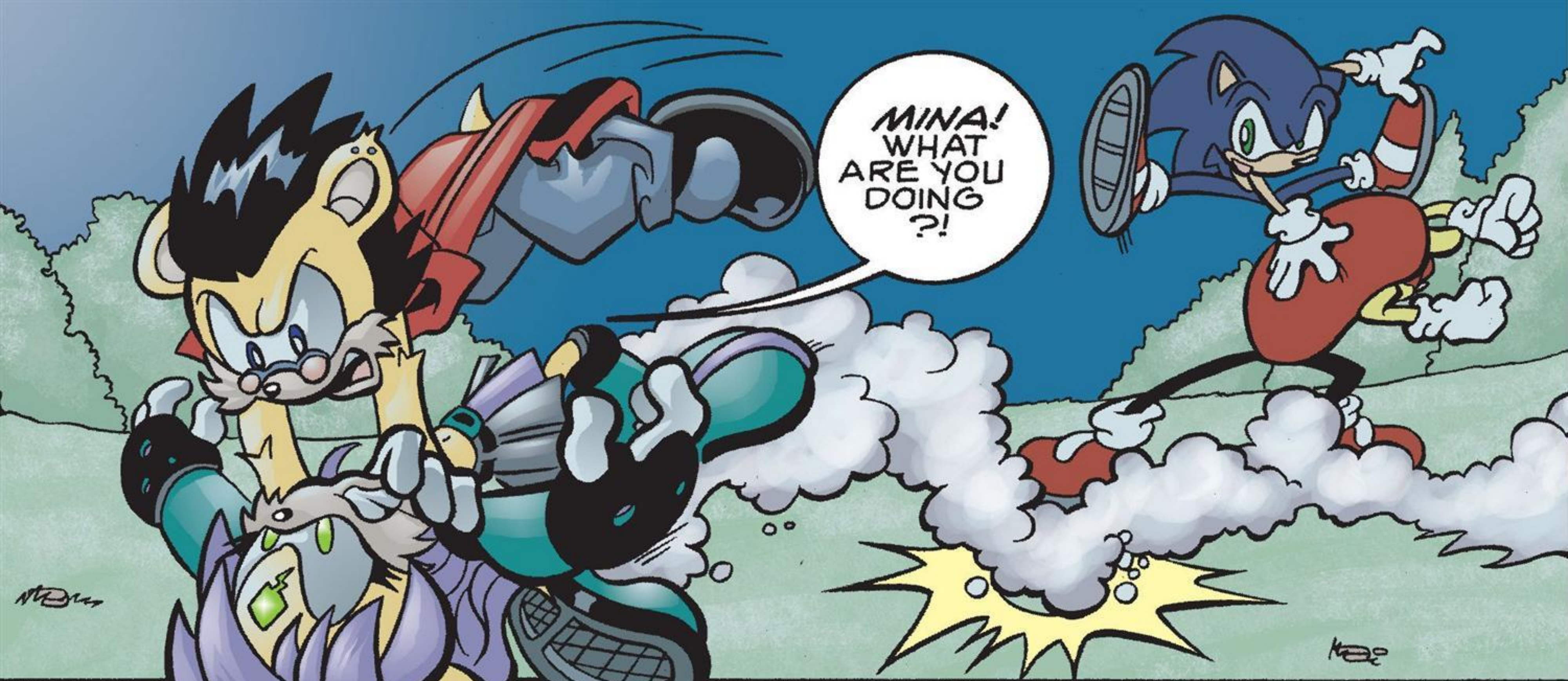
I'M NOT FIGHTING MY FRIENDS!

YOU COULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS IF YOU'D LISTENED TO ME THIS MORNING.

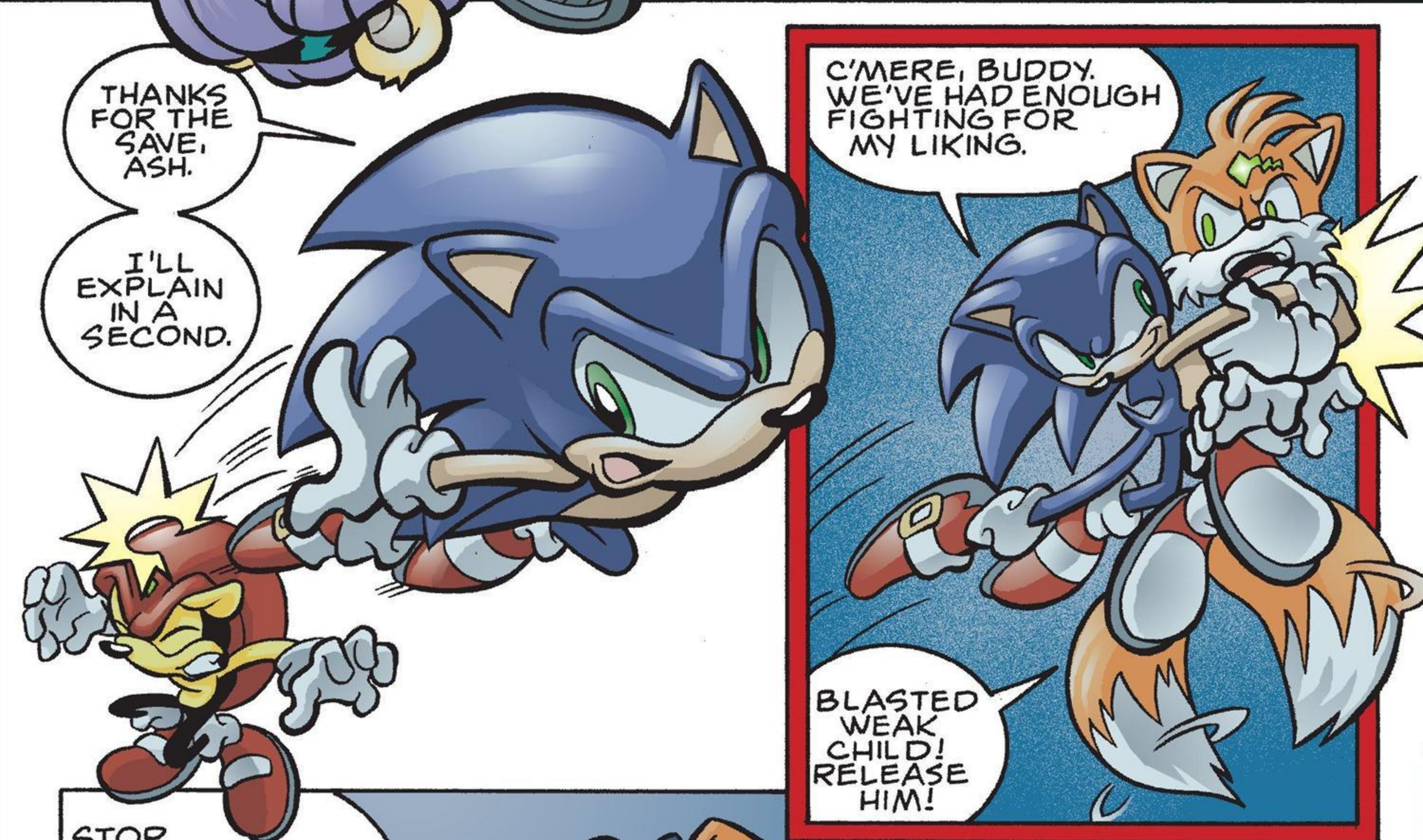
YOU TALKED A LOT BUT SAID NOTHING!

SARCASM AND QUIPS WILL NOT HELP YOU TONIGHT, BOY. YOU WILL GIVE ME WHAT I WANT.

NOT LIKELY.

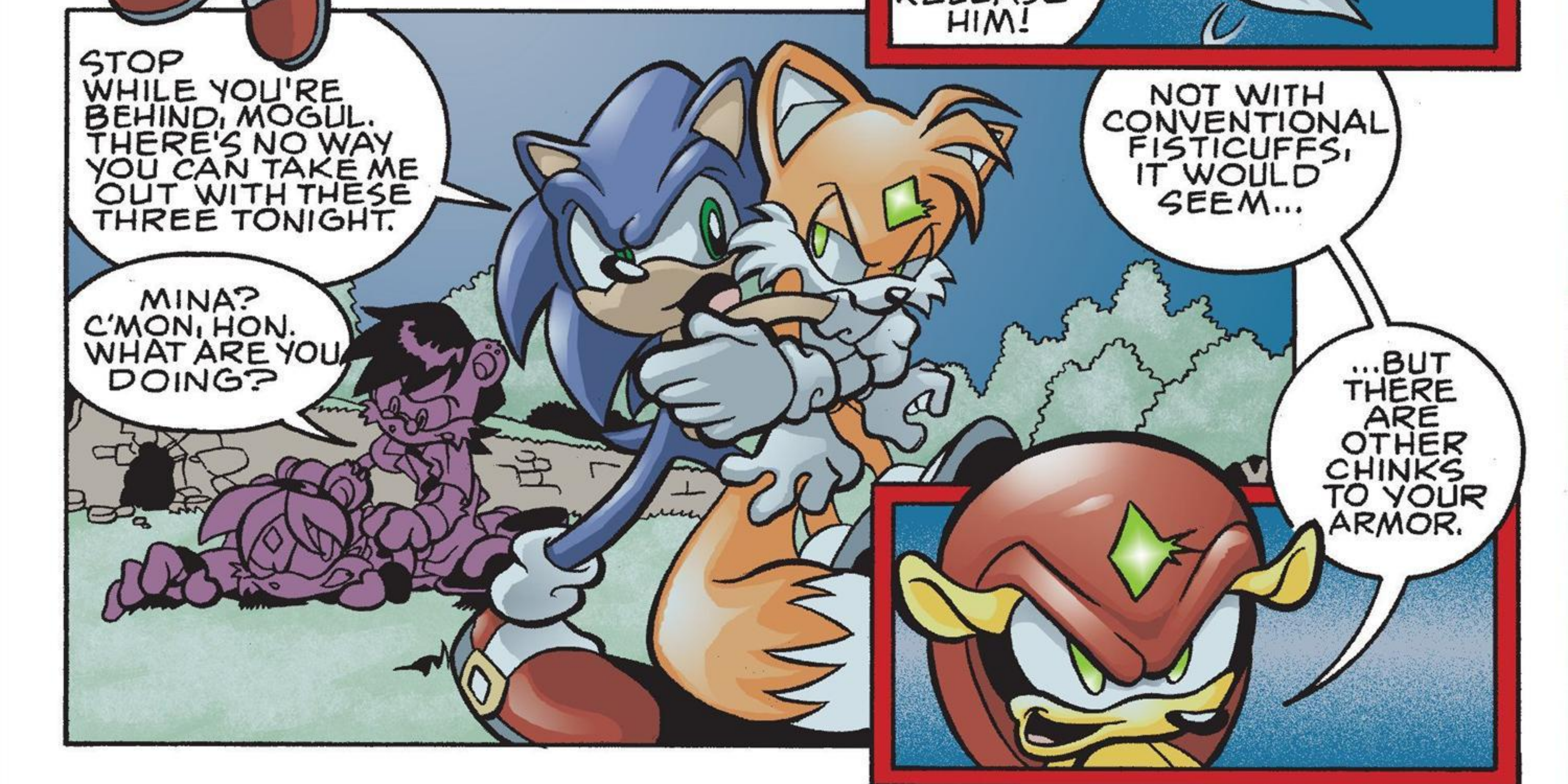


MINA!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
?!



C'MERE, BUDDY.
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH
FIGHTING FOR
MY LIKING.

BLASTED
WEAK
CHILD!
RELEASE
HIM!

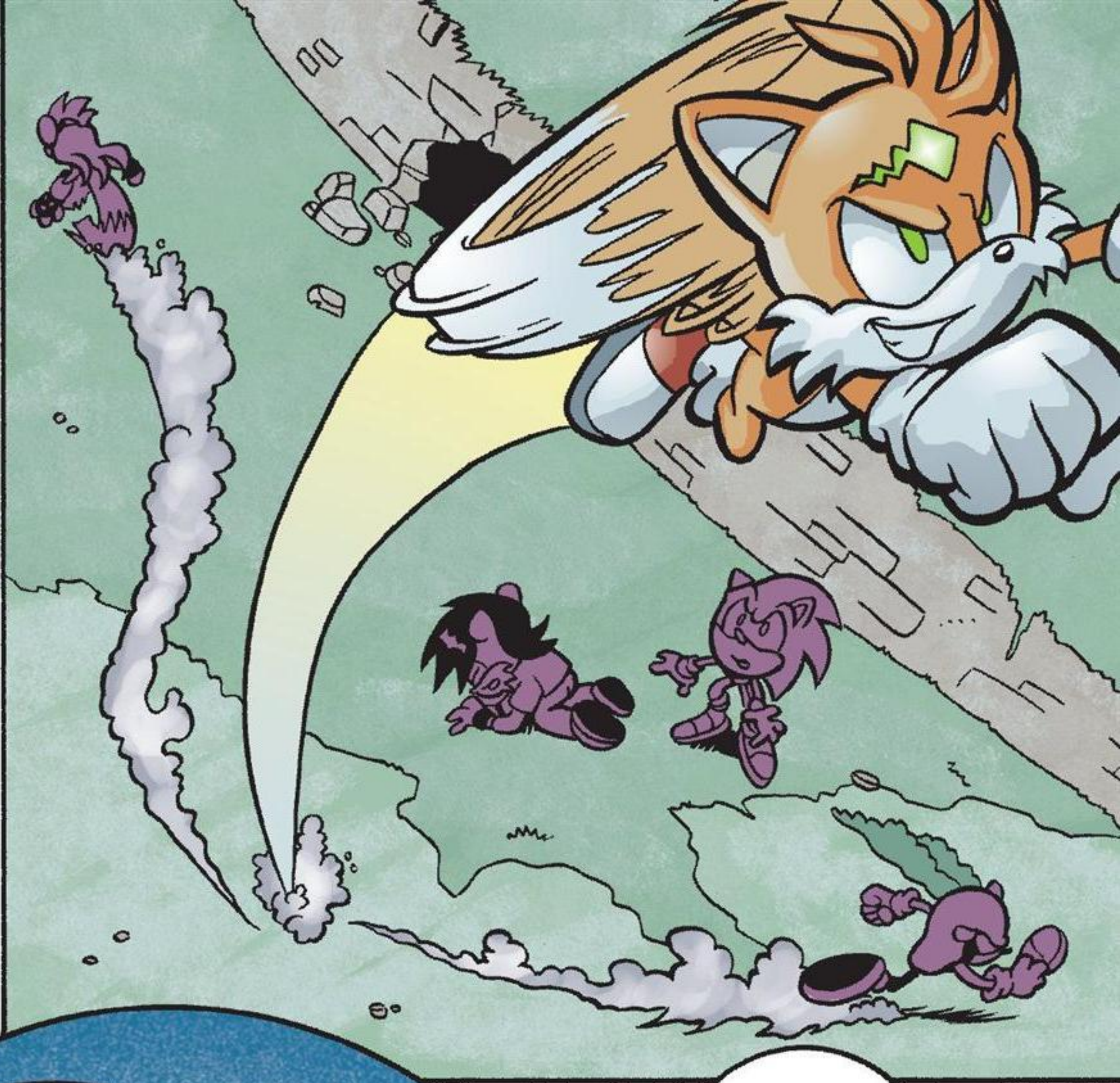


STOP
WHILE YOU'RE
BEHIND, MOGUL.
THERE'S NO WAY
YOU CAN TAKE ME
OUT WITH THESE
THREE TONIGHT.

MINA?
C'MON, HON.
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

NOT WITH
CONVENTIONAL
FISTICUFFS,
IT WOULD
SEEM...

...BUT
THERE
ARE
OTHER
CHINKS
TO YOUR
ARMOR.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?! MINA JUST HIT ME!

SHE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, A PSYCHIC BAD GUY TOOK CONTROL OF OUR FRIENDS AND IS TRYING TO FORCE ME TO DO SOMETHING.

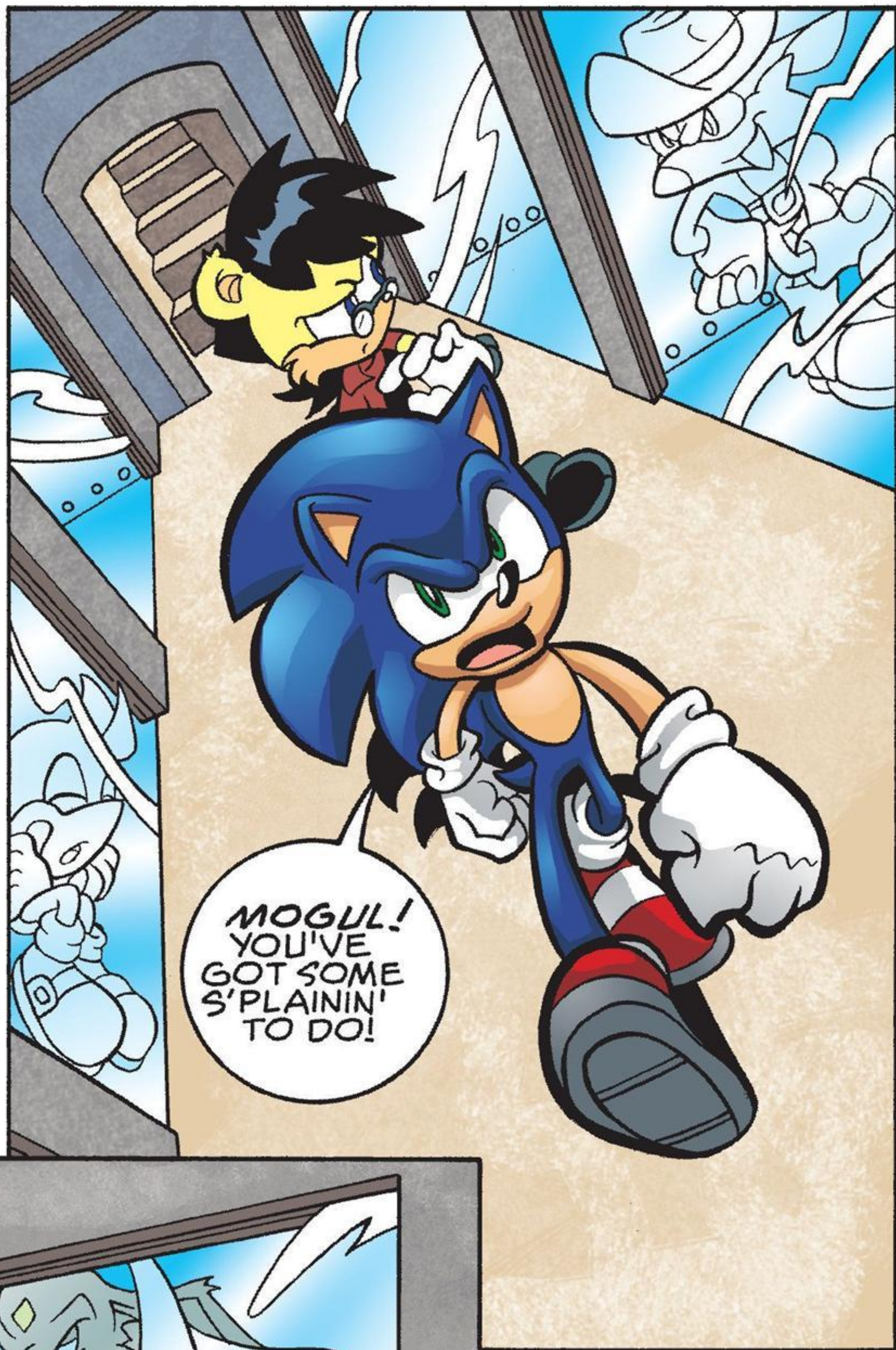
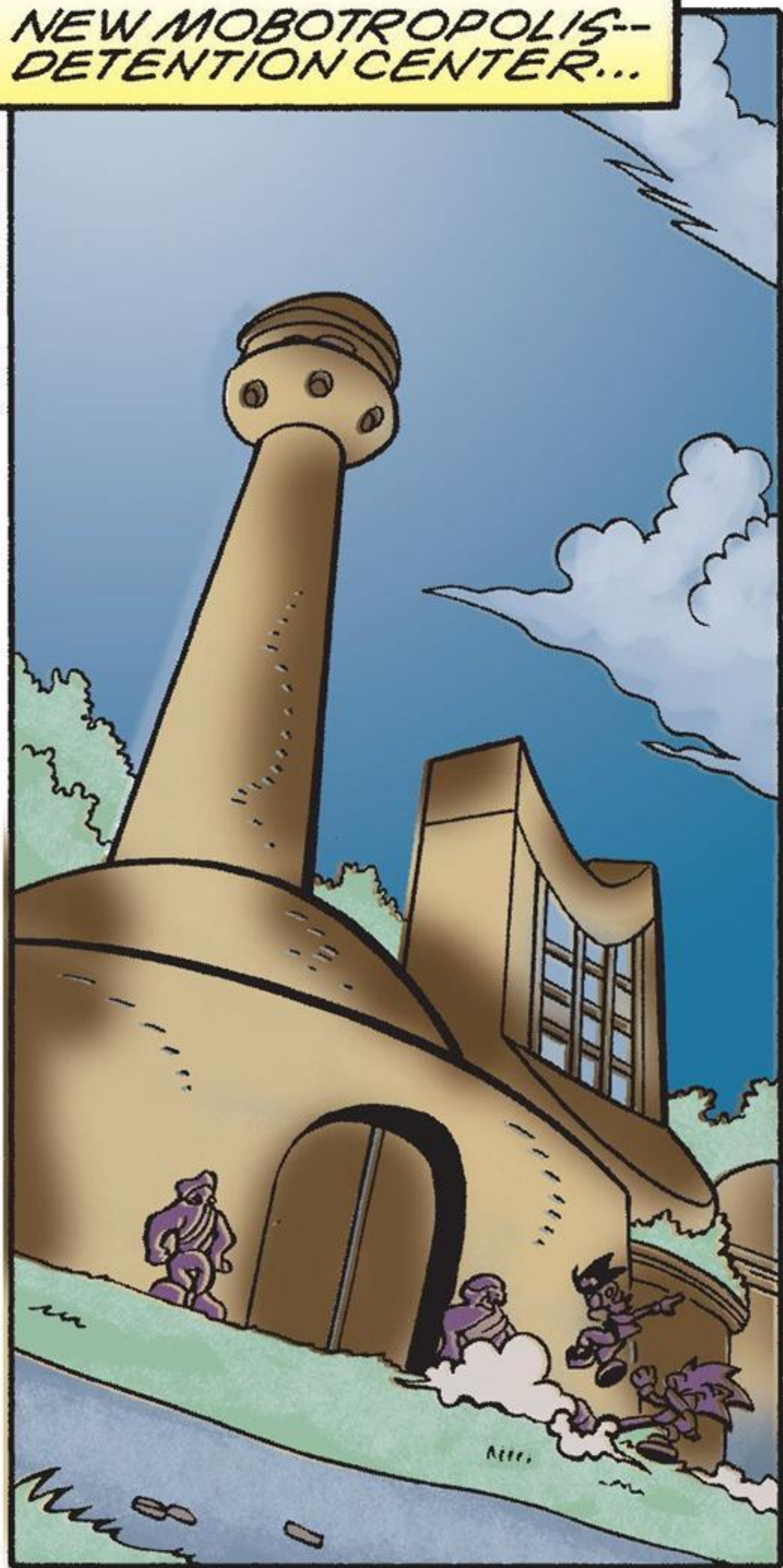
BUT WHY? WHAT DOES HE WANT? AND WHERE DID THEY GO NOW?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU, BUT I KNOW WHO CAN. YOU WANT IN ON THIS?



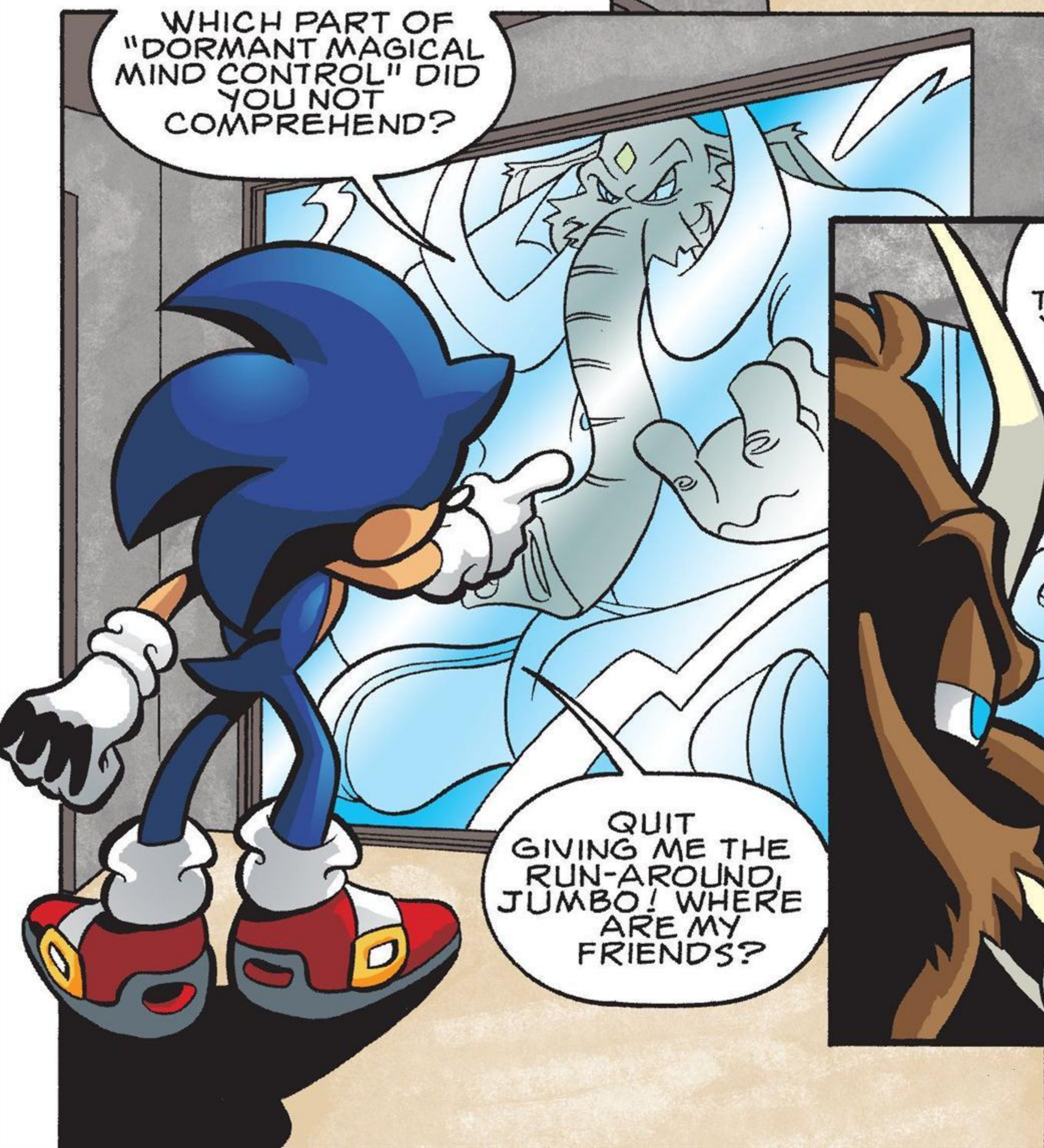
MINA'S IN TROUBLE. YOU COULDN'T KEEP ME OUT OF THIS.

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS--
DETENTION CENTER...



MOGUL!
YOU'VE
GOT SOME
S'PLAININ'
TO DO!

WHICH PART OF
"DORMANT MAGICAL
MIND CONTROL" DID
YOU NOT
COMPREHEND?



QUIT
GIVING ME THE
RUN-AROUND,
JUMBO! WHERE
ARE MY
FRIENDS?

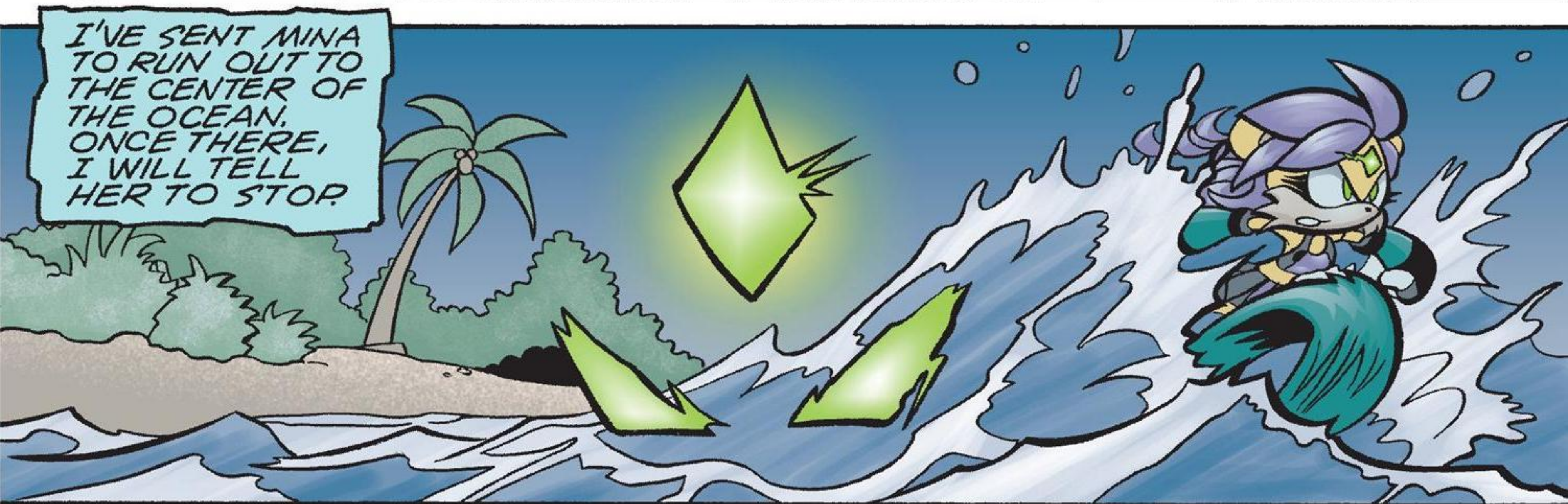
I AM STILL
WILLING TO
TRADE. WILL
YOU LISTEN
TO MY
TERMS?



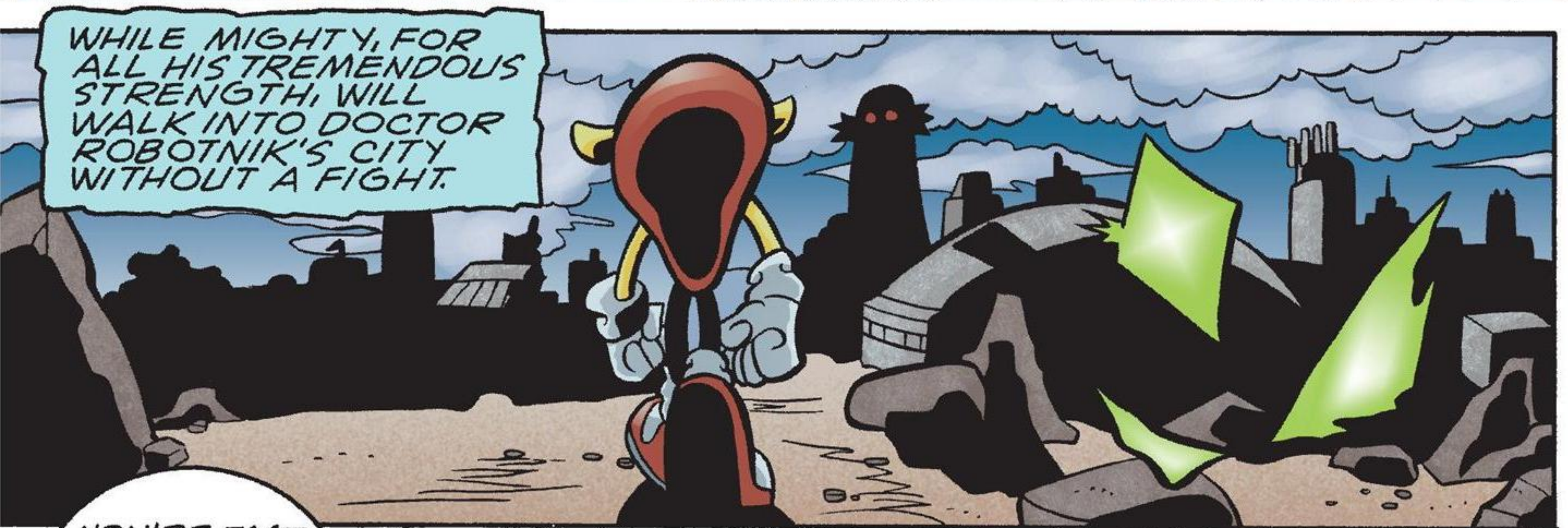
I'M NOT
DEALING WITH A
JERK-IN-THE-BOX.
WHERE ARE THE
OTHERS?



YOU ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF OBSTINACY! FINE. I AM SENDING TAILS AS HIGH AS HE CAN GO UNTIL HE PASSES OUT FROM THE THIN ATMOSPHERE. I DO NOT EXPECT THE GROUND TO BE MUCH OF A CUSHION.



I'VE SENT MINA TO RUN OUT TO THE CENTER OF THE OCEAN. ONCE THERE, I WILL TELL HER TO STOP



WHILE MIGHTY, FOR ALL HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH, WILL WALK INTO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S CITY WITHOUT A FIGHT.

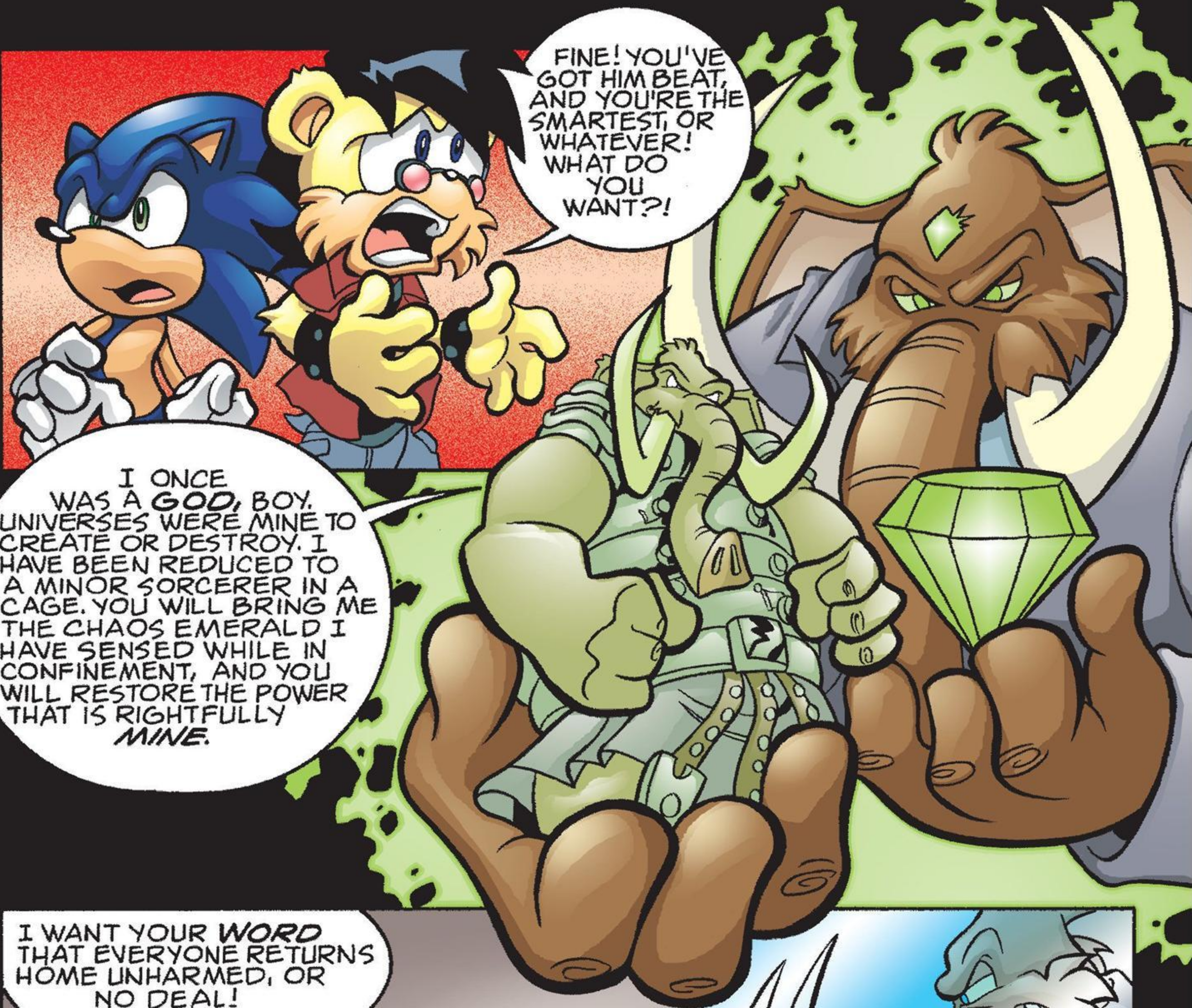
YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH THEM, THOUGH, RIGHT? **RIGHT?**

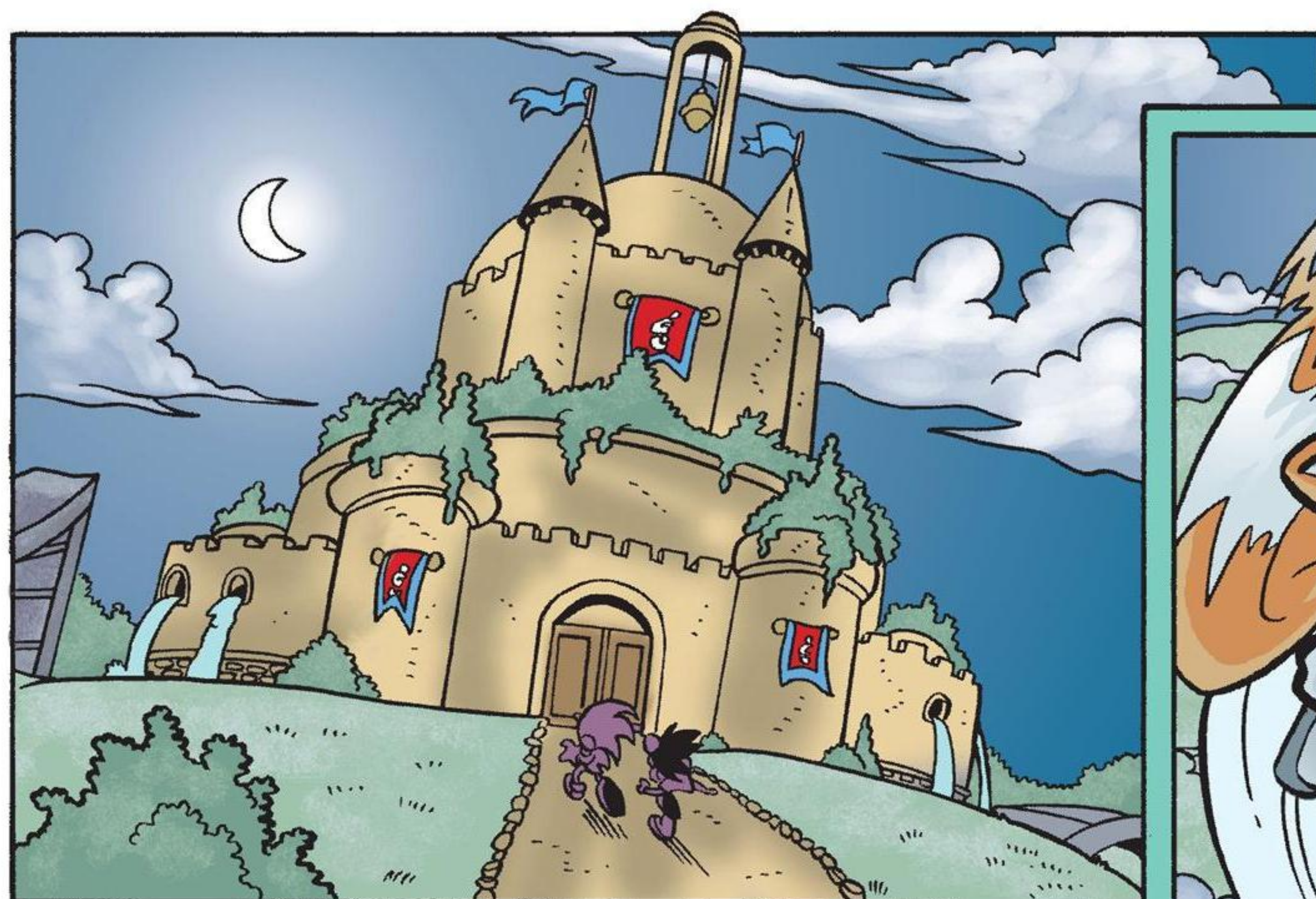
ANY **ONE** OF THEM, YEAH, BUT...

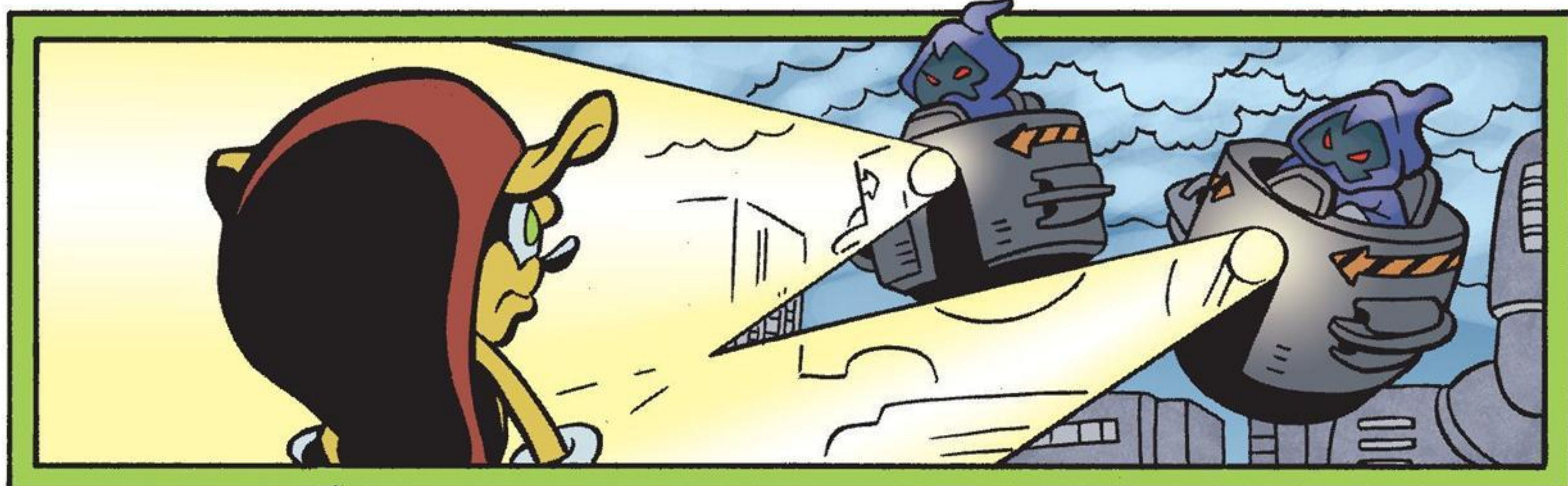
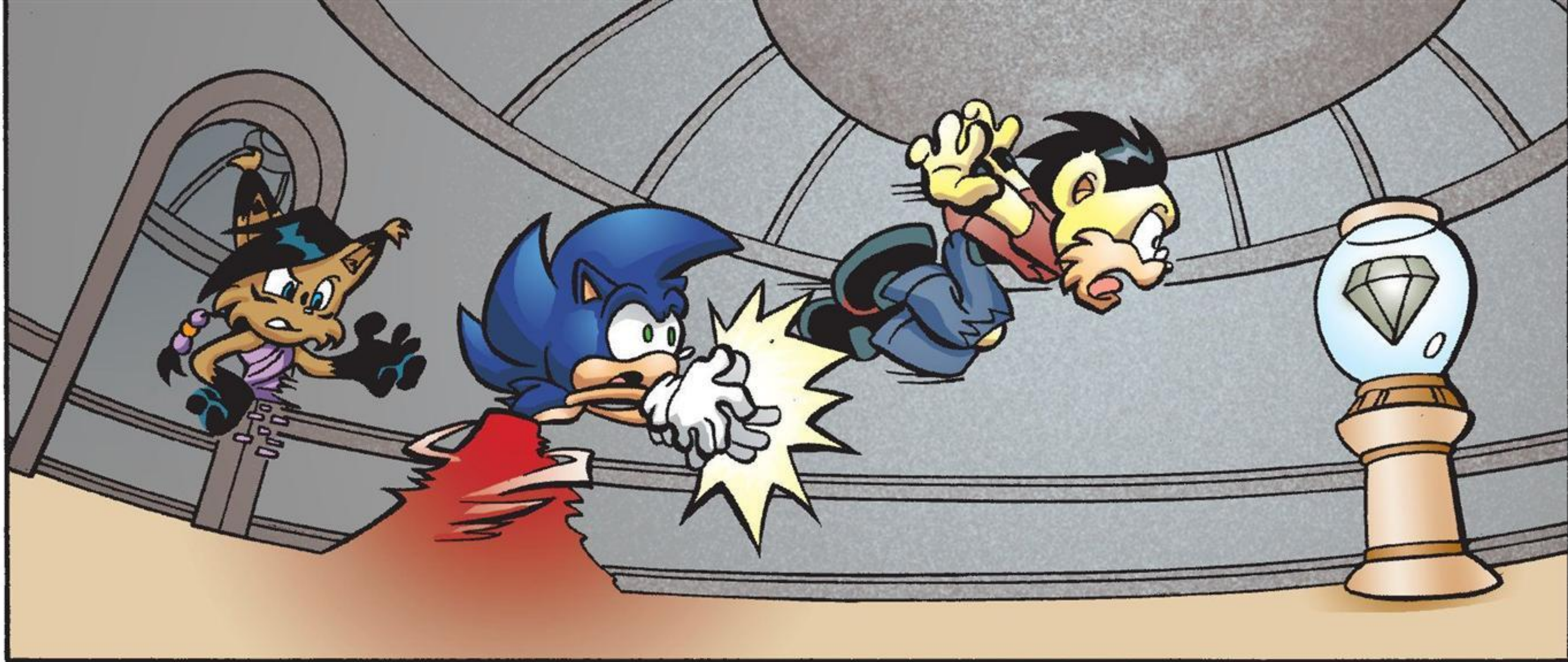
THEY ARE TOO FAR APART.

OR DO YOU USE YOUR SPEED TO RALLY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS? DO YOU HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING? DO YOU HAVE TIME TO FIND WHICH PART OF THE SKY, WHICH EXPANSE OF BEACH, OR WHICH ROAD TO NEW MEGA-OPOLIS YOU NEED TO RESCUE THEM?











ARE YOU INSANE?!
I CAN'T
CONTAIN
THAT
KIND OF
POWER!

NICOLE, HE
DIDN'T LEAVE
ME WITH A
CHOICE.

WOULD
YOU LIKE
IT BETTER
IF MINA
DROWNED
?!

WHAT?!

WHOA,
ASH,
CHILL!

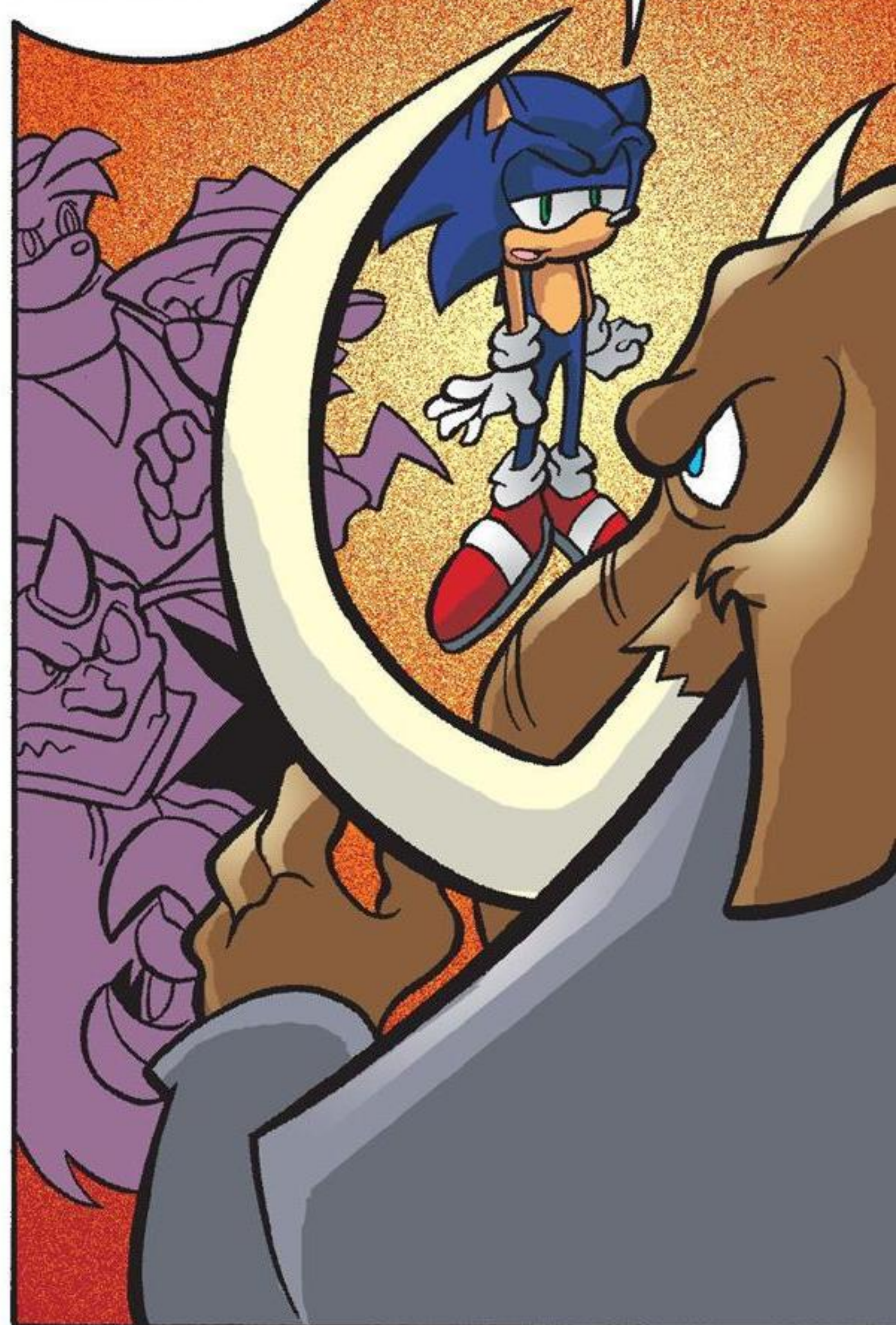
SUCH INANE
SQUABBLING...





OH, RIGHT. YOU'RE RIDICULOUSLY POWERFUL AGAIN.

NOW WHAT, MO'-GUT?



FOREVER SPOUTING YOUR EMPTY BRAVADO, AREN'T YOU? OUR BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED, BOY. THE FOURSOME HAVE SERVED ME AND ARE NOW DECOMMISSIONED.

...SERIOUSLY?



IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE IN TACTICS, BOY. SOMETHING I CAME TO UNDERSTAND IN MY IMMORTALITY WAS THAT I CAN NOT BEAT YOU.

WHAT?



I SHALL USE SMALL WORDS SO YOU CAN FOLLOW. TWICE I'VE RISEN TO GODHOOD, AND TWICE I'VE FALLEN IN YOUR PRESENCE. NO MATTER WHAT POWER I WIELD, THE FATES CONVEINE TO ENSURE YOUR VICTORY. EVEN IF I WERE TO ACT NOW, I AM CERTAIN **SOME-THING** WOULD THWART ME OR RESCUE YOU. IT IS A COSMIC PUNCH-LINE I'VE GROWN **QUITE** WEARY OF.

THE ADVANTAGE I HAVE IS **TIME**. AS AN IMMORTAL, I CAN WAIT YOU OUT. I MAY NOT DEFEAT YOU, BUT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW PEACE. NOR WILL YOUR CHILDREN ...OR THEIR CHILDREN.

VINDICTIVE MUCH?

I CALL IT "PATIENCE."

YOU MAY CALL ME "PETTY" OR DISMISS ME AS A NUISANCE. I CAN ENDURE SUCH SMALL BARBS KNOWING YOU WILL NOT REST EASILY FROM THIS DAY FORTH.

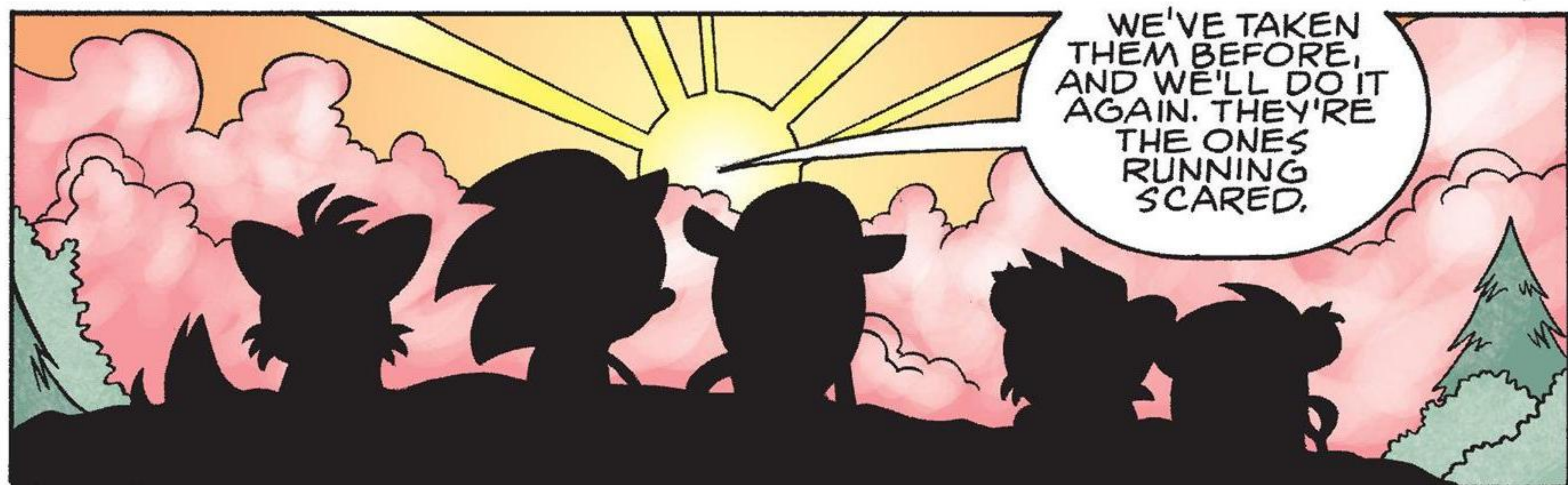
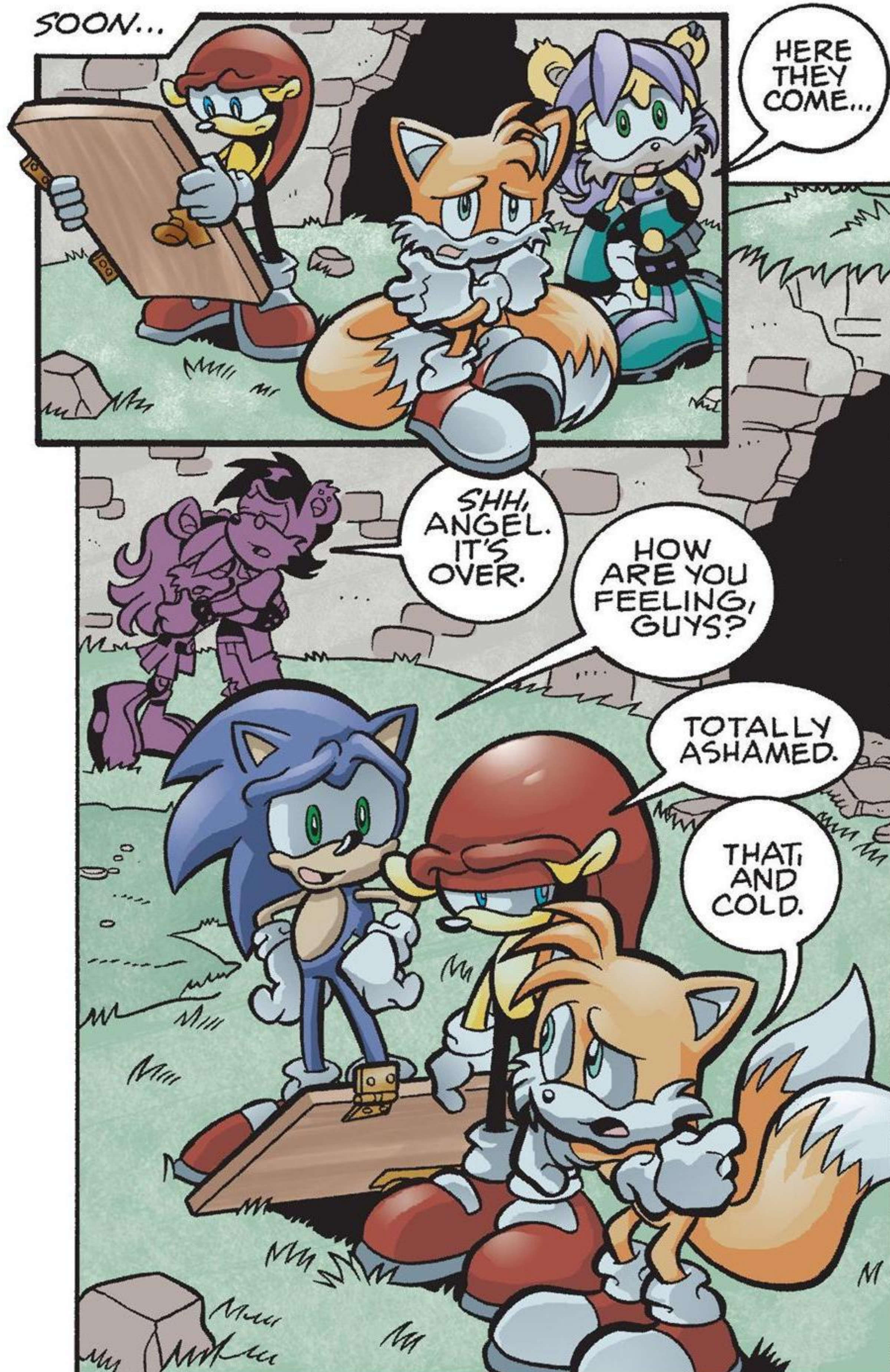
MY FIRST ACT IS TO SET MY PRISON-MATES FREE. I'M SURE THEY'LL LOOK YOU UP LATER.

HISSESSSS!

I'LL WRITE! EVERY DAY! I'LL MISS YOU!

HAHA! YOU'VE EARNED YOURSELF ONE FREE JOB FROM ME, MOGUL.

SOON...



IS SONIC RIGHT? ARE THE VILLAINS TRULY "ON THE RUN," OR ARE THEY JUST WAITING FOR THEIR NEXT ORDER? AND WHAT OF MOGUL'S CRYPTIC MESSAGE? PERHAPS THE ANSWERS AWAIT IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE, WHERE SONIC FINDS HIMSELF TO BE "MISTER POPULAR"!

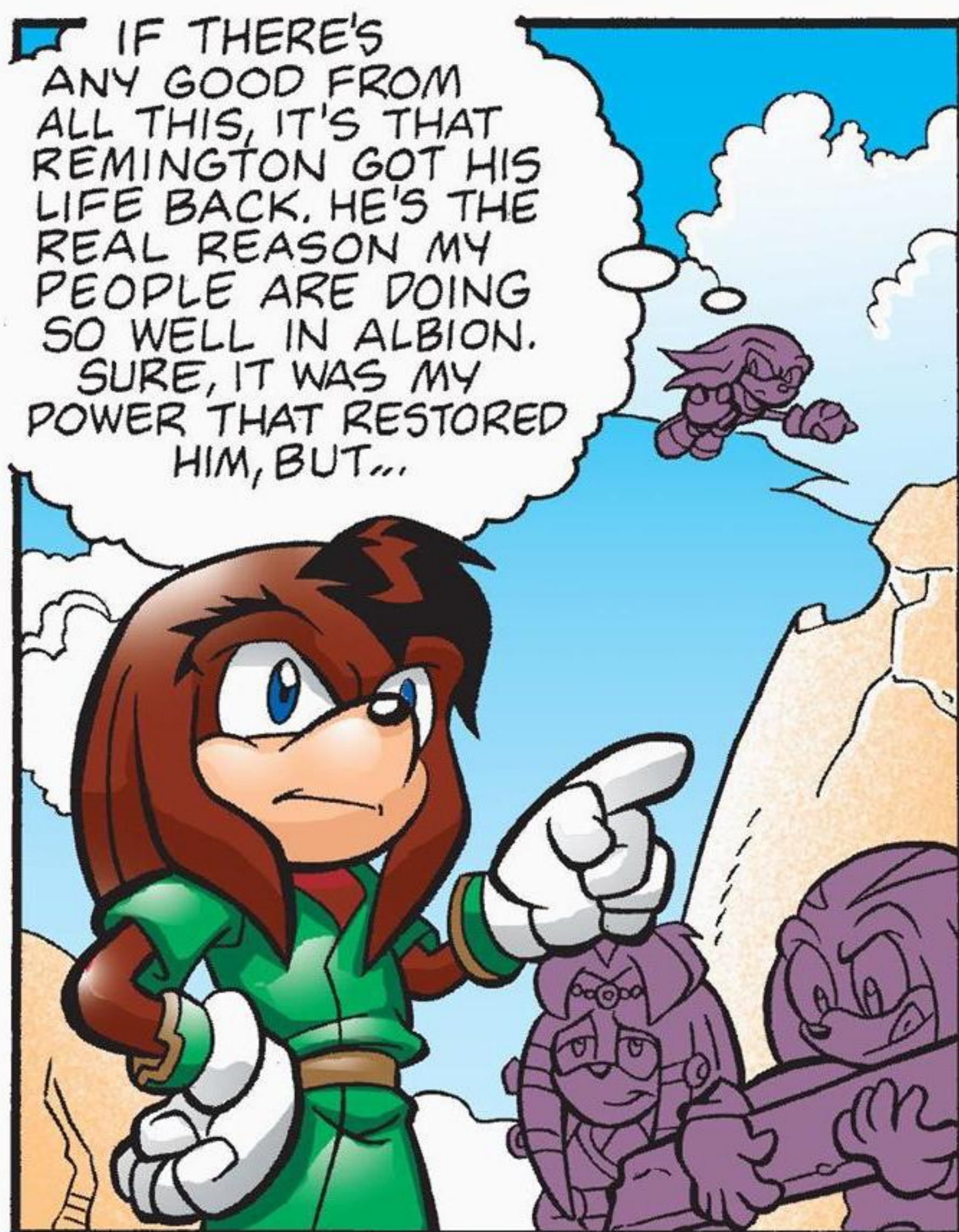
HONOR-BOUND

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. EVERYONE WAS COUNTING ON ME TO PROTECT THEM. NOW THE GREAT CITY OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS IS FOREVER GONE AND THE BIRTHPLACE OF MY PEOPLE IS JUST A HUSK.

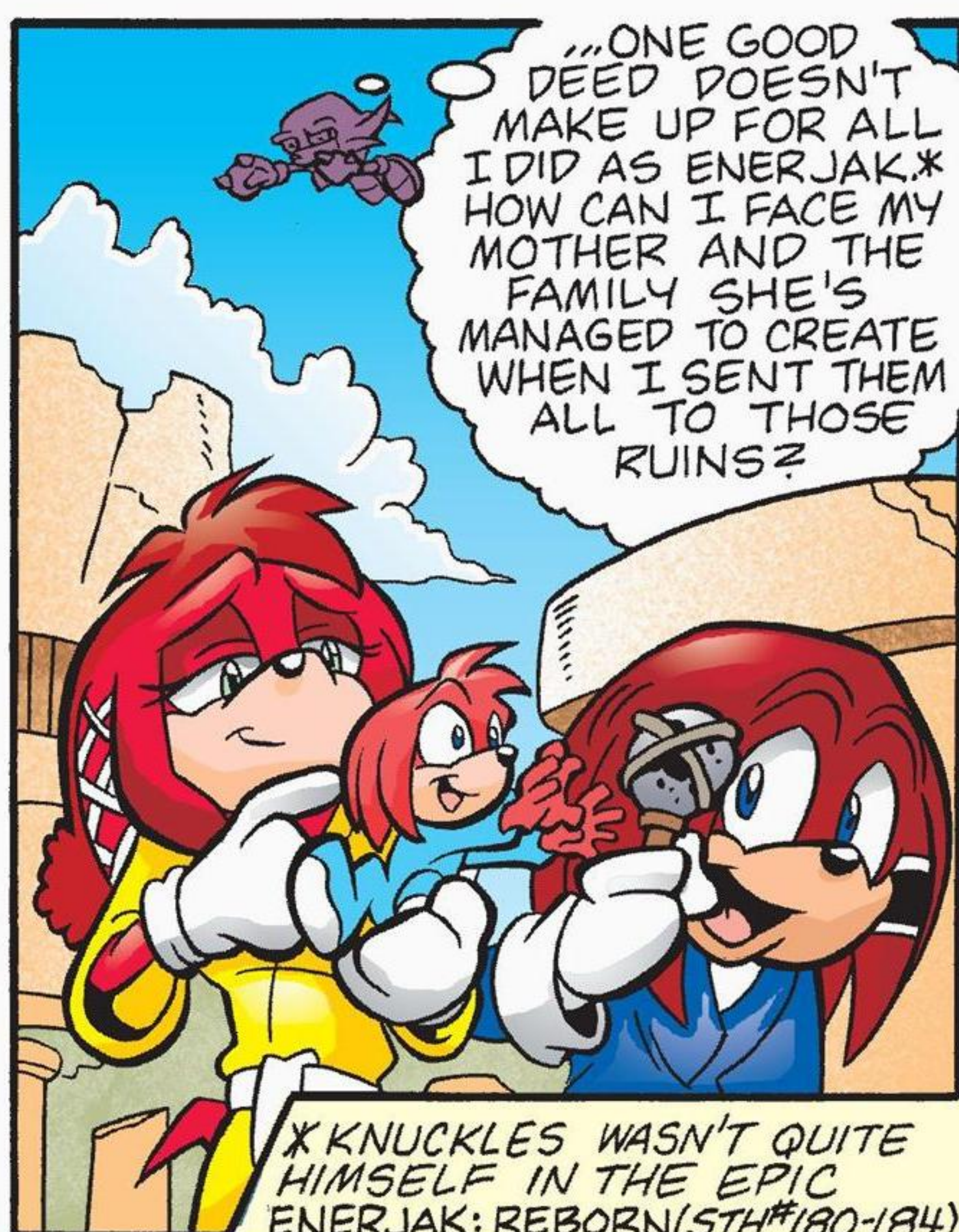
ALBION WILL BE SAFE ENOUGH FOR THE LAST FEW ECHIDNAS LEFT ON MOBIUS.

THEY'LL BE SAFE FROM *ME*.

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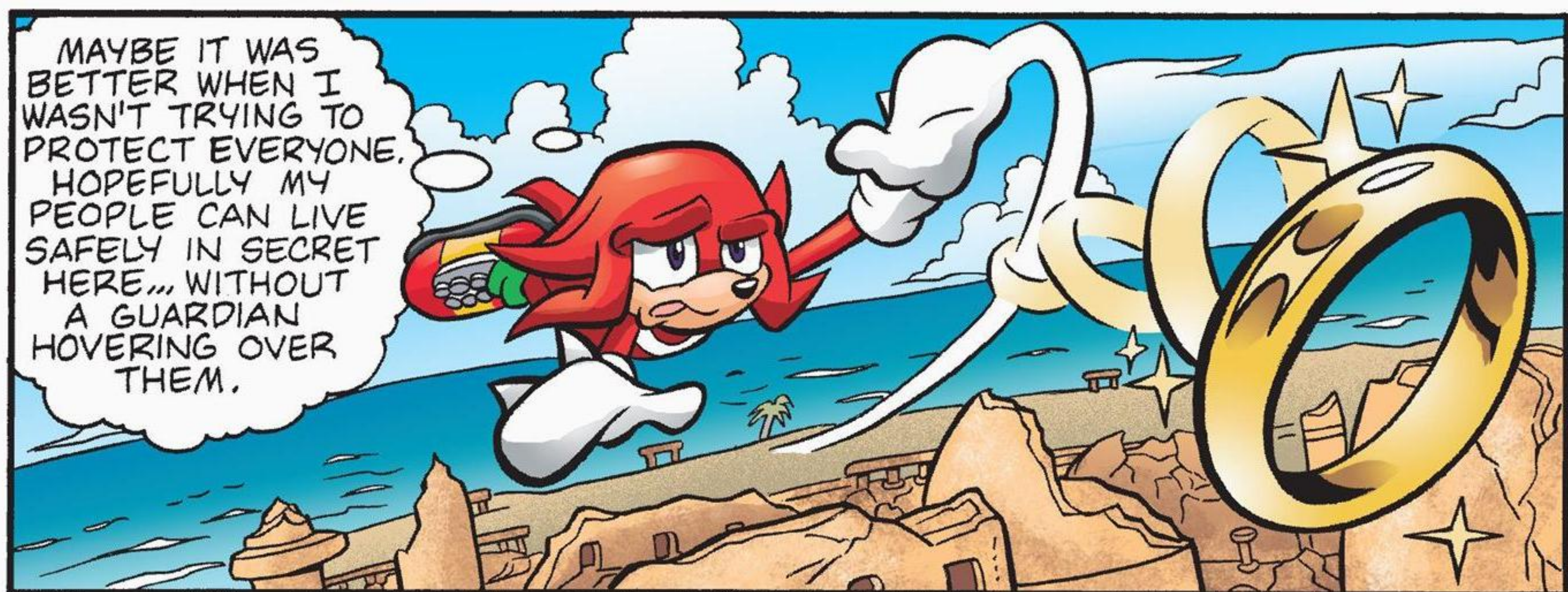


IF THERE'S ANY GOOD FROM ALL THIS, IT'S THAT REMINGTON GOT HIS LIFE BACK. HE'S THE REAL REASON MY PEOPLE ARE DOING SO WELL IN ALBION. SURE, IT WAS MY POWER THAT RESTORED HIM, BUT...



...ONE GOOD DEED DOESN'T MAKE UP FOR ALL I DID AS ENERJAK.* HOW CAN I FACE MY MOTHER AND THE FAMILY SHE'S MANAGED TO CREATE WHEN I SENT THEM ALL TO THOSE RUINS?

*KNUCKLES WASN'T QUITE HIMSELF IN THE EPIC ENERJAK: REBORN (STH#180-184)



MAYBE IT WAS BETTER WHEN I WASN'T TRYING TO PROTECT EVERYONE. HOPEFULLY MY PEOPLE CAN LIVE SAFELY IN SECRET HERE... WITHOUT A GUARDIAN HOVERING OVER THEM.



NA-NA!

WHAT? YOU SEE--?



...KNUCKLES?

BAH-BAH, NA-NA!

ANDOPOLIS OASIS,
ANGEL ISLAND

STAND-TO,
HELMUT! YOU'VE
GOT SOME
UNEXPECTED
COMPANY!

GENERAL
VON STRYKER.

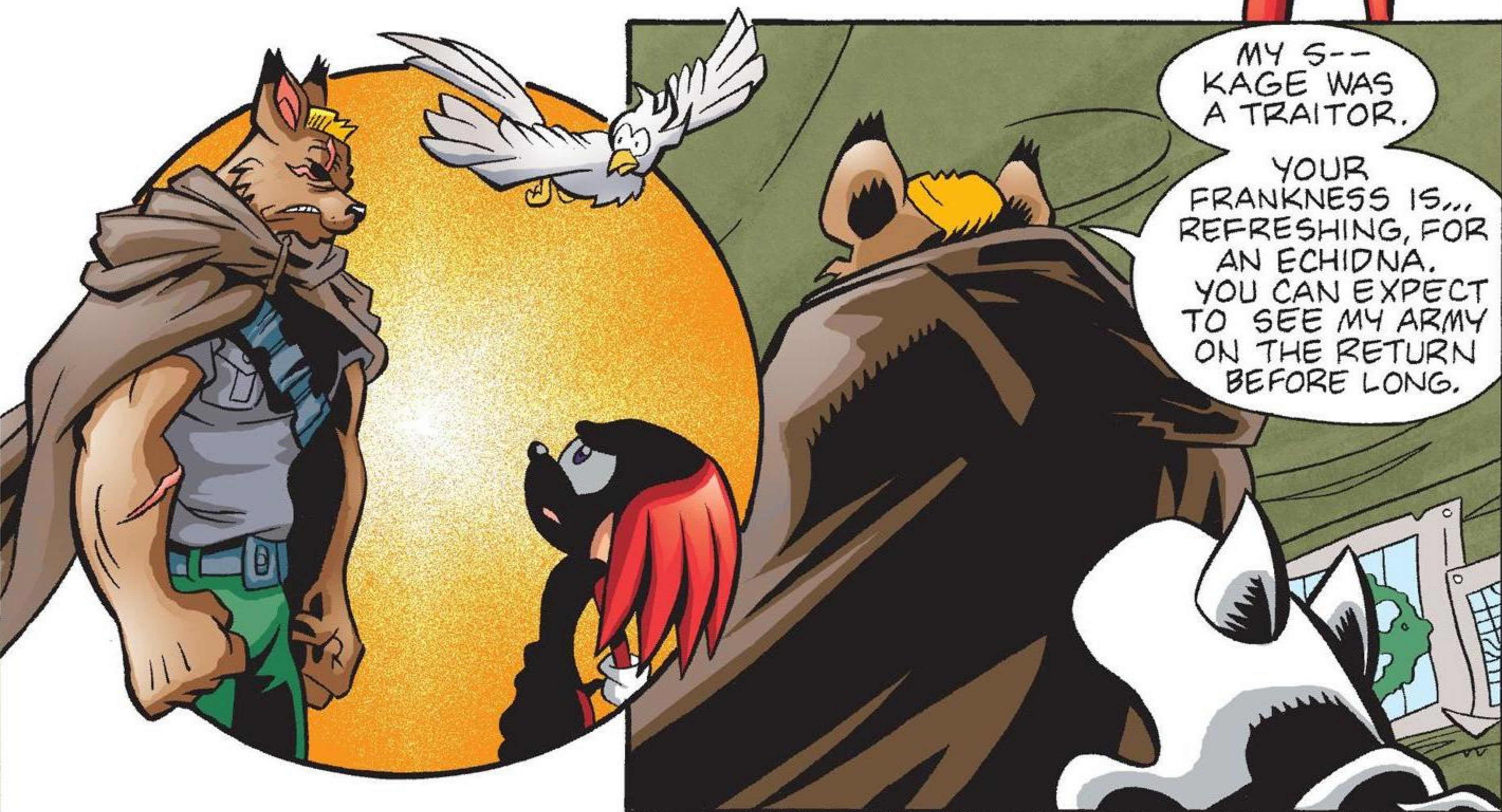
GUARDIAN
KNUCKLES.
COME TO
ENSURE WE'RE
STRUGGLING?

NO.
I--

I'M HAPPY
TO DISAPPOINT.

AFTER ENERJAK
TOSSED MY ARMY
OUT HERE TO SHARE
MY EXILE, I TOOK BACK
CONTROL.* WE FOUND
THIS OASIS AND WE'RE
THRIVING. THE WATER
IS CLEAR, THE SAND-
WORM HUNTING IS
GOOD, AND IT'S ONLY
A MATTER OF TIME
UNTIL WE MAKE OUR
WAY BACK INTO THE
INTERIOR OF
ANGEL ISLAND.

* WE FIRST FOUND
OUT THE GENERAL
WAS DEPOSED IN
STH#138





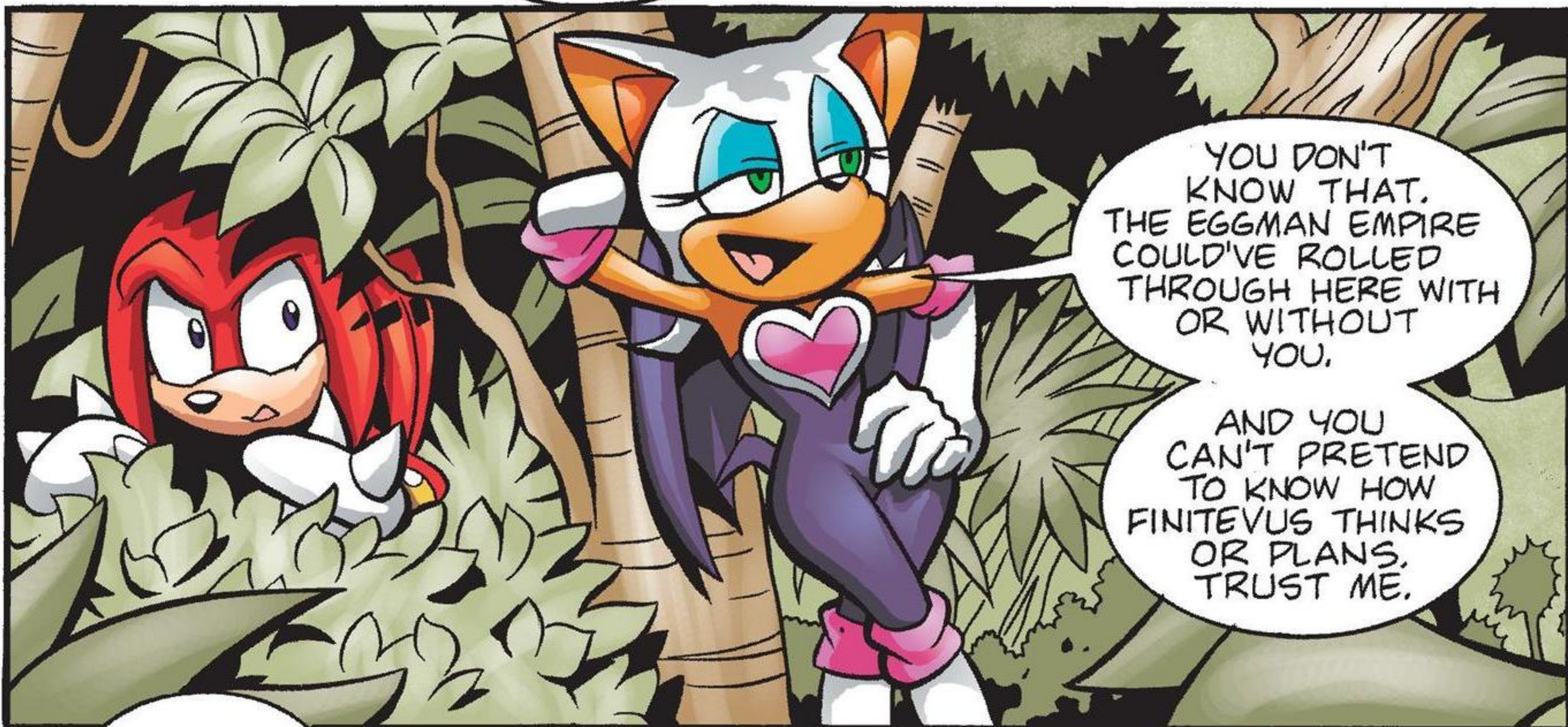


IT'S FOR
THEIR OWN
SAFETY.

THINGS WERE
MANAGEABLE ON ANGEL
ISLAND BACK WHEN I WAS HERE
ALL THE TIME. IF I HADN'T LEFT,
DR. FINITEVUS NEVER WOULD'VE
GOTTEN THE MASTER EMERALD.
MY PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE NEARLY
EXTINCT. I WOULDN'T HAVE
LOST CONTROL OF MY
POWER -- AGAIN!



MY
FATHER
WOULD STILL
BE ALIVE.



YOU DON'T
KNOW THAT.
THE EGGMAN EMPIRE
COULD'VE ROLLED
THROUGH HERE WITH
OR WITHOUT
YOU.

AND YOU
CAN'T PRETEND
TO KNOW HOW
FINITEVUS THINKS
OR PLANS.
TRUST ME.

AND WHAT
DO **YOU**
KNOW?!

ANGEL
ISLAND
SURVIVED
COUNTLESS
DISASTERS UNDER
PAST GUARDIANS!
WHO'S TO SAY
THEIR WAYS
WOULDN'T
WORK NOW!



I'D SAY
THE FACT THAT
THE BROTHERHOOD
IS GONE NOW SHOWS
YOU JUST HOW WELL
THEIR WAYS PROTECTED
THEM. HAVEN AND ALL
THEIR LITTLE TRICKS
DIDN'T STOP DR.
ROBOTNIK. TRYING
TO GO BACK TO A
TIME-TESTED
FAILURE IN POLICY
IS ONLY GOING TO
MAKE THINGS WORSE
FOR YOU.

I--
THEY--
YOU--!

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
SO MUCH
ABOUT MY
FOREFATHERS?

HONEY,
I'M A
SPY.

I MAKE
IT MY
BUSINESS
TO KNOW.

I'M NOT
SAYING YOU
GIVE UP ON THE
ISLAND.

BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T GIVE UP
ON THE FIGHT BELOW
EITHER. HIDING UP HERE
IS COWARDICE AND
DISHONORS LOCKE'S
SACRIFICE.

NOW THAT
YOU'VE GOT THE
WARP RING TECH,
YOU CAN KEEP AN
EYE ON BOTH FRONTS
ALL THE BETTER. SO
WHAT MAKES THE
MOST SENSE?



UH OH! WHATEVER COULD ROUGE BE PLOTTING WITH KNUCKLES? NOW THAT RAD RED IS BACK WITH HIS FRIENDS, HOW WILL HE HANDLE THE FEELINGS OF GUILT FROM HIS RECENT ENERJAK RAMPAGE? WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND FIND OUT!

PICK UP YOUR COPY OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #187, AND SATISFY YOUR SONIC CRAVINGS WITH SONIC X #31, ON SALE SOON! AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT SONIC ARCHIVES AND THE NEW SERIES, SONIC SELECT, COMING TO A STORE NEAR YOU!!